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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NOVEL GLYCINE

RECEPTOR ALPHA SUBUNIT SPLICE VARIANT EXPRESSED IN

THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, HGRA4sv

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 WITHOUT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated July 13, 2004, please consider the following remarks for the captioned application, without prejudice. Submitted concurrently herewith are copies of references cited herein for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicants Reply is timely filed and no extensions of time are required.